

MR. EDWARD RYBAK
Department of the Army Civilian, Retired



Over a career of 39 years as a Soldier and civil servant, Mr. Edward Rybak made monumental contributions to the US Intelligence effort. In the process he greatly enhanced our understanding of European defense and intelligence issues.

While serving as Chief Interrogator for the 532nd Military Intelligence (MI) Battalion in Frankfurt, Germany, he established the Joint US-German Interrogation Center. It was the first partnership venture of its type with German intelligence. He organized field screening and interrogation teams, greatly enhancing reporting efforts.

As a Station Chief in Germany, Mr. Rybak developed and managed technical collection operations. He developed new techniques of collection and analysis. Mr. Rybak also provided invaluable advice

and assistance to the German intelligence community while it was establishing its own technical collection capabilities.

Mr. Rybak is one of the few civilian multidiscipline intelligence professionals with extensive experience in Human Intelligence, Signals Intelligence, Imagery Intelligence, and Measures and Signatures Intelligence. His technical expertise, profound knowledge of the European political, economic, and military scene, fluency in four languages, and a keen analytical mind made him an invaluable advisor to a succession of twelve 66th MI Brigade commanders. He was responsible for the concept that brought about the merger of the multiple intelligence disciplines and the creation of the 66th MI Brigade. Every major improvement in the brigade's human and technical collection capabilities through the 1980s reflects his influence. It was through his initiative the brigade borrowed German Army direction finding equipment to support Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM. This initiative was acclaimed in national-level assessments for the brigade's contributions to the war effort. Mr. Rybak is often to as "Mr. 66th MI Brigade."

The intangible benefits of Mr. Rybak's 39 years of service are immense. His extraordinary personal and professional relationships with officials in German intelligence agencies enabled partnership events to be extremely successful. Mr. Rybak worked with joint debriefing programs for many years. He ensured collection operations were optimized and US Army requirements were met. Throughout his years of service,

Mr. Rybak was a consummate mentor and manager. He trained many of the current senior intelligence managers who, in turn, fostered close US-German relationships.

Mr. Rybak retired in 1991. His awards include the United States Presidential Award, the Officers' Cross of the Order of Merit awarded by the President of Germany, the Department of Army (DA) Exceptional Civilian Service Medal, the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, the DA Commendation for Support of Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM, and a Central Intelligence Agency Certification of Appreciation for his contributions to the US intelligence efforts while Chief of the Intelligence Division, 66th MI Brigade.

Mr. Rybak was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 1992.



Mr. Rybak receiving his Knowlton Award from COL (R) John Black during the 1992 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.